

Mr. Speaker, may God bless every one of them.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORIAL RIFLE SQUAD AT FORT SNELLING NATIONAL CEMETERY

(Mr. KLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of the members of the Memorial Rifle Squad at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. These men set an example of selfless service for all Americans.

Since June 19, 1979, the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad has performed a critical service by providing a military cemetery burial service for honorably discharged veterans. Over the past 25 years, the rifle squad has conducted 42,000 funerals, free of charge, at the request of families and veterans organizations. The first squad boasted six members, the youngest of whom was 50 years old. Today, the ages of the more than 100 members of the rifle squad range from 26 to 87, averaging a spry 71.6 years.

Mr. Speaker, these men never miss a funeral, braving the brutal cold, snow and wind of our Minnesota winters. Mr. Speaker, the members of the Memorial Rifle Squad have unselfishly given to our country through their own military service and continue that tradition today by honoring their fellow veterans. I commend their remarkable accomplishments and thank them for their service.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN PATRICK MARTIN, FIREFIGHTER MARVIN DONALDSON, FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN JOHNSON, FIREFIGHTER DAVID BRADLEY, AND MR. SEAN MCKARNIN

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor five firefighters from my district, Missouri's Fifth, who selflessly risked their lives in the line of duty. On February 23, 2004, Captain Patrick Martin, Firefighter Marvin Donaldson, Firefighter David Bradley, Firefighter Stephen Johnson, and Mr. Sean McKarnin responded to a fire at a residence in South Kansas City not far from where I live. Upon their arrival at the scene, they came under heavy and rapid gunfire from a nearby residence and were pinned down for nearly 30 minutes while the fire raged. In the midst of this chaos, a paramedic who also responded to the scene was shot. The team members successfully pulled her to safety and eventually extinguished the fire.

Today, these five heroes will be awarded the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor by President Bush. He will recognize their extraordinary

valor above and beyond the call of duty. The medal is the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer and only 10 public safety officers will receive this award this year.

I commend those firefighters for their exceptional courage and decisiveness in an extraordinary situation and know my colleagues will join me in honoring them today.

REDUCING HEALTH RISKS FROM OBESITY

(Mr. MURPHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, obesity and obesity-associated annual hospital costs for children and adolescents have more than tripled over 2 decades, rising from \$35 million in 1979 to \$127 million in 2000.

This alarming rise in childhood obesity has resulted in a generation of children with many of the medical complications historically associated with adults, such as hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, and heart disease. Adult obesity increases risks for over 20 medical conditions costing about \$75 billion in medical expenses.

Obesity prevention starts at home. Parents need to begin to teach personal responsibility early on, to eat healthy meals, and establish an exercise routine for their families. There is no Federal program that can improve the habits of our Nation's children better than a team of responsible parents.

For our part, Congress should work with local communities to promote access to nutritious foods and physical activity programs that make healthy life-styles a priority, both in schools and the workplace. I ask that Members learn more about the costs and medical problems associated with obesity and other health care issues and urge them to visit my Web site at murphy.house.gov.

KARL ROVE

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, one of my Republican colleagues from Texas just said that Karl Rove is his friend and is innocent until proven guilty and that Democrats should not criticize the Bush administration on this issue.

Republicans need to realize how serious Rove's actions were. Karl Rove's actions jeopardize the life of every CIA agent, every CIA agent that Valerie Plame ever came into contact with. President Bush's father, a former CIA director, believes it so serious that he said that people who expose CIA agents are the most insidious of traitors.

Rather than demand answers from Rove, congressional Republicans are either silent or are attacking Democrats. They should be asking how Rove had

the very information about Valerie Plame from the beginning, and they should deny him any further security clearance.

For 2 years, the Republicans and the Bush White House have defended Rove, and now we know that everything that they were telling us was simply false. It is time for Bush to remove Rove from the White House. It is time for Republicans to take this seriously and not come up here and talk about their friends and criticize Democrats.

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IN FAVOR OF CONTINUED TAX CUTS AND IMPLEMENTING CAFTA FOR FURTHER ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, since Ronald Reagan was President, I have been listening to my very distinguished friends on the other side of the aisle time and time again say that, if we cut taxes, the economy will go into the tank and will dramatically exacerbate the Federal deficit.

Yesterday morning we picked up the New York Times, and there it was: It showed that the tax cuts that we put into place over the past few years under the leadership of President Bush, in fact, have increased the flow of revenues to the Federal treasury. And guess who is paying those increased taxes, Mr. Speaker? It is the wealthy.

We have also seen this morning evidence of zero inflation. That was what was reported this morning, zero inflation. We have seen the gross domestic product growth at 3.8 percent, and we are continuing to see more and more jobs created in this country.

Mr. Speaker, there are many other things that we can do to expand this very positive economic growth that we are enjoying today, and it is first to further cut taxes so that we can expand that growth and also to realize that a tariff is a tax, and if we can eliminate taxes by implementing the Central American Free Trade Agreement, we will open up new markets for U.S. goods and services. Let us recognize the growth that we have had and expand this by opening up new markets with passage of CAFTA.

QUESTIONING KARL ROVE'S CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHITE HOUSE

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Americans must have thought that the world was turned upside down the other day when they turned on their TV in the morning and they saw former Speaker Newt Gingrich, who was convicted of lying to the

House of Representatives and fined \$300,000, calling Joe Wilson, who President George Bush the first called a great patriot for standing up to Saddam Hussein; here was a convicted liar Newt Gingrich calling Joe Wilson a liar. Something is terribly wrong with that picture.

The question of Karl Rove's continuation in the White House is not a question just of a legal matter. It is of ethical and moral consequences. Does the President continue to rely on the advice and keep employed in the White House a man who sought to destroy the reputations and perhaps put in danger a CIA agent and her contacts and her fellow workers? Does the President continue to employ that person recognizing that that was done for the sole purposes of trying to get retribution because they provided the evidence that what the White House said about weapons of mass destruction was not accurate, it was not truthful, in fact, it turned out to be a lie?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on a motion to instruct conferees and three motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 3100, by the yeas and nays;

H. Con. Res. 191, by the yeas and nays; and

House Resolution 356, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 6, ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6.

The Clerk will designate the motion.

The Clerk designated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct conferees offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 201, nays 217, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 373]

YEAS—201

Ackerman	Berkley	Boyd
Allen	Berman	Bradley (NH)
Andrews	Berry	Brady (PA)
Baca	Bishop (GA)	Brown (OH)
Baird	Bishop (NY)	Brown, Corrine
Baldwin	Blumenauer	Butterfield
Barrow	Boehert	Capuano
Bean	Boswell	Cardoza
Becerra	Boucher	Carnahan

Case	Kaptur	Ramstad	Kennedy (MN)	Ney	Schwarz (MI)
Castle	Kelly	Rangel	King (IA)	Northup	Sessions
Chandler	Kennedy (RI)	Reichert	King (NY)	Norwood	Shadegg
Clay	Kildee	Rohrabacher	Kingston	Nunes	Shaw
Cleaver	Kind	Ross	Kline	Nussle	Shays
Clyburn	Kirk	Rothman	Knollenberg	Ortiz	Sherwood
Conyers	Kucinich	Roybal-Allard	Kolbe	Osborne	Shimkus
Cooper	Langevin	Ruppersberger	Kuhl (NY)	Otter	Shuster
Costa	Lantos	Rush	LaHood	Oxley	Simpson
Costello	Larsen (WA)	Ryan (OH)	Latham	Paul	Smith (TX)
Crowley	Larson (CT)	Sabo	LaTourette	Pearce	Sodrel
Cummings	Leach	Salazar	Lewis (CA)	Pence	Souder
Davis (AL)	Lee	Sánchez, Linda T.	Lewis (KY)	Peterson (PA)	Stearns
Davis (CA)	Levin		Linder	Petri	Sullivan
Davis (FL)	Lewis (GA)	Sanchez, Loretta	Lucas	Pickering	Tancred
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Sanders	Lungren, Daniel E.	Pitts	Taylor (NC)
Davis (TN)	LoBiondo	Saxton		Platts	Terry
Davis, Tom	Loftgren, Zoe	Schakowsky	Mack	Poe	Thomas
DeFazio	Lowe	Schiff	Manzullo	Pombo	Thornberry
DeGette	Lynch	Schwartz (PA)	Marchant	Porter	Tiahrt
Delahunt	Maloney	Scott (GA)	McCaul (TX)	Price (GA)	Tiberi
DeLauro	Markey	Scott (VA)	McCotter	Pryce (OH)	Turner
Dicks	Marshall	Sensenbrenner	McCrery	Putnam	Upton
Dingell	Matheson	Serrano	McHenry	Radanovich	Walden (OR)
Doggett	Matsui	Sherman	McHugh	Regula	Walsh
Doyle	McCarthy	Skelton	McKeon	Rehberg	Wamp
Emanuel	McCollum (MN)	Slaughter	McMorris	Renzi	Weldon (FL)
Engel	McDermott	Smith (NJ)	Melancon	Reyes	Weldon (PA)
Eshoo	McGovern	Smith (WA)	Mica	Reynolds	Weller
Etheridge	McKinney	Snyder	Miller (MI)	Rogers (AL)	Westmoreland
Evans	McNulty	Solis	Miller, Gary	Rogers (KY)	Whitfield
Farr	Meehan	Spratt	Moran (KS)	Rogers (MI)	Wicker
Fattah	Meek (FL)	Stark	Murphy	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson (SC)
Filner	Meeks (NY)	Stupak	Musgrave	Royce	Young (AK)
Fitzpatrick (PA)	Menendez	Sweeney	Myrick	Ryan (WI)	
Ford	Michaud	Tanner	Neugebauer	Ryun (KS)	
Frank (MA)	Millender-McDonald	Tauscher			
Frelinghuysen	Miller (NC)	Taylor (MS)			
Gordon	Miller, George	Thompson (CA)			
Green (WI)	Mollohan	Thompson (MS)			
Grijalva	Moore (KS)	Tierney			
Harman	Moore (WI)	Towns			
Hastings (FL)	Moran (VA)	Udall (CO)			
Herseht	Murtha	Udall (NM)			
Higgins	Nadler	Van Hollen			
Hinchey	Napolitano	Velázquez			
Holden	Neal (MA)	Visclosky			
Holt	Oliver	Wasserman Schultz			
Honda	Owens	Waters			
Hooley	Pallone	Watson			
Hoyer	Pascarella	Watt			
Inslee	Pastor	Waxman			
Israel	Payne	Wexler			
Jackson (IL)	Pelosi	Wilson (NM)			
Jefferson	Peterson (MN)	Wolf			
Johnson (IL)	Pomeroy	Woolsey			
Johnson, E. B.	Price (NC)	Wu			
Jones (OH)	Rahall	Wynn			
Kanjorski					

NAYS—217

Abercrombie	Coble	Gingrey
Aderholt	Cole (OK)	Gohmert
Akin	Conaway	Gonzalez
Alexander	Cox	Goode
Bachus	Cramer	Goodlatte
Baker	Crenshaw	Granger
Barrett (SC)	Cuellar	Graves
Bartlett (MD)	Culberson	Green, Al
Barton (TX)	Davis (KY)	Green, Gene
Bass	Davis, Jo Ann	Gutknecht
Beauprez	Deal (GA)	Hall
Biggett	DeLay	Harris
Bilirakis	Dent	Hart
Bishop (UT)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hastert
Blackburn	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hastings (WA)
Blunt	Doolittle	Hayes
Boehner	Drake	Hayworth
Bonilla	Dreier	Hefley
Bonner	Duncan	Hensarling
Bono	Edwards	Herger
Boozman	Ehlers	Hinojosa
Boren	Emerson	Hobson
Boustany	English (PA)	Hoekstra
Brady (TX)	Everett	Hostettler
Brown (SC)	Feeney	Hulshof
Brown-Waite,	Ferguson	Hunter
Ginny	Flake	Hyde
Burgess	Foley	Inglis (SC)
Burton (IN)	Forbes	Issa
Buyer	Fortenberry	Istook
Calvert	Fossella	Jackson-Lee
Camp	Fox	(TX)
Cannon	Franks (AZ)	Jenkins
Cantor	Garrett (NJ)	Jindal
Capito	Gerlach	Johnson (CT)
Carter	Gibbons	Johnson, Sam
Chabot	Gilchrest	Jones (NC)
Chocola	Gillmor	Keller

Kennedy (MN)	Ney	Schwarz (MI)
King (IA)	Northup	Sessions
King (NY)	Norwood	Shadegg
Kingston	Nunes	Shaw
Kline	Nussle	Shays
Knollenberg	Ortiz	Sherwood
Kolbe	Osborne	Shimkus
Kuhl (NY)	Otter	Shuster
LaHood	Oxley	Simpson
Latham	Paul	Smith (TX)
LaTourette	Pearce	Sodrel
Lewis (CA)	Pence	Souder
Lewis (KY)	Peterson (PA)	Stearns
Linder	Petri	Sullivan
Lucas	Pickering	Tancred
Lungren, Daniel E.	Pitts	Taylor (NC)
	Platts	Terry
Mack	Poe	Thomas
Manzullo	Pombo	Thornberry
Marchant	Porter	Tiahrt
McCaul (TX)	Price (GA)	Tiberi
McCotter	Pryce (OH)	Turner
McCrery	Putnam	Upton
McHenry	Radanovich	Walden (OR)
McHugh	Regula	Walsh
McKeon	Rehberg	Wamp
McMorris	Renzi	Weldon (FL)
Melancon	Reyes	Weldon (PA)
Mica	Reynolds	Weller
Miller (MI)	Rogers (AL)	Westmoreland
Miller, Gary	Rogers (KY)	Whitfield
Moran (KS)	Rogers (MI)	Wicker
Murphy	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson (SC)
Musgrave	Royce	Young (AK)
Myrick	Ryan (WI)	
Neugebauer	Ryun (KS)	

NOT VOTING—16

Capps	Gutierrez	Simmons
Cardin	Kilpatrick (MI)	Strickland
Carson	McIntyre	Weiner
Cubin	Miller (FL)	Young (FL)
Cunningham	Oberstar	
Gallegly	Obey	

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Messrs. NORWOOD, MCCRERY, REYNOLDS, BAKER, KINGSTON, SHAYS, OXLEY, SOUDER, and McHUGH, AND MRS. MYRICK and Mrs. NORTHUP changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. SLAUGHTER and Mrs. KELLY changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair would announce that the vote on H. Con. Res. 191 will be taken later today.

EAST ASIA SECURITY ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3100.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3100, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 203, not voting 15, as follows: